

The Dworkin Report:

Evidence Tying Donald Trump To Russia

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Memorandum

To: President Barack Obama, Vice President Joseph Biden, Senator Harry Reid, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Patrick Leahy, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Congressman Keith Ellison

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Re: Ties Between President-elect Trump and Russia, Contrary to FBI Conclusion

Date: November 10, 2016

Dear Mr. President and Democratic Leadership-

Over the past few months the Democratic Coalition has taken extraordinary measures to disseminate the following information to the American public regarding the relationship between President-elect Donald Trump and Russia.

It is incumbent upon myself and our coalition to ensure that you are made fully aware of the ten pieces of evidence that follow. This evidence calls into question the recent conclusion made by the FBI, which stated that there was no clear connection between President-elect Trump and Russia to be found. As you will see, there are many pieces of clear, direct connections between the President-elect, Vladimir Putin, and the country of Russia.

Please note that this is the limited evidence that we have gathered to date, and is by no means a comprehensive report on the President-elect's relationship with the country.

In solidarity,

Scott J. Dworkin

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Exhibit 1 (December 14, 1987)

President-elect Trump on his travels to Moscow

According to a 1987 Interest Rate Observer article, President-elect Trump says he likes the people in Russia, and the people like him.

Excerpt:

*"He [President-elect Trump] has flown to Moscow. 'I like the people, and the people like me,' he says, sounding a little proprietary about the people."*¹



Sell Donald Trump

Crash or no crash, the personal stock of Donald J. Trump, the New York real-estate celebrity, is up. Up is Trump's favorite direction. He proposes to build the world's tallest building. For flying, he owns a Super Puma jet helicopter and a Boeing 727. For weekend cruising, it's the yacht *Nahila*, which belonged to the previously opulent Adnan Khashoggi. On land, he rides in limousines. A new "Trump" line of superstretch limo produced by a Bronx manufacturer was named for—who else?

Donald Trump, 41 years old, by all accounts is nearly perfect. He is "six feet-something tall" (*People*) and photogenic. He is the owner of Trump Tower, which, among real-estate people, is

Although the mayor and Trump get on like Iran and Iraq, the developer has managed to ingratiate himself with national political leaders. He has taken out full-page advertisements in *The New York Times* (at about \$35,000 a page) to advance his views on foreign policy. He has flown to Moscow. "I like the people, and the people like me," he says, sounding a little proprietary about the people. He won't be running for President this year, though: "It's so hard to just drop everything to do something like that."

Although Trump contends that he doesn't like "doing press," he is chronically landing on the cover of magazines. *Business Week*, the *New York Times Maga-*

zine and *People* have done him. *New York* almost canonized him. Trump has done himself, too, in *Trump: The Art of the Deal*, newly published by Random House. "I don't do it for money," Chapter One leads off. "I've got enough, much more than I'll ever need. I do it to do it. Deals are my art form." Elsewhere Trump contends, "The point is that you can't be too greedy." Also he writes, "I like thinking big. I always have." It is an affecting story of an often misunderstood business genius. The book has gone to a 25% discount from the \$19.95 list price at Waldenbooks.

"He is this year's phenomenon," *People* said, "a 41-year-old member of a

¹ <http://www.valuewalk.com/2016/07/sell-donald-trump/>

Exhibit 2 (May 19, 1997)

President-elect Trump commissioned a \$40 million statue by a Russian artist

The statue was created by Russian artist Zurab Tsereteli, cost \$40 million, and was a solid bronze likeness of Christopher Columbus. President-elect Trump had originally planned to place the statue in Manhattan, but it ended up in Puerto Rico. The statue would have been 6 feet taller than the Statue of Liberty.²

Tsereteli's Statue of Christopher Columbus



² <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/1997/05/19/trump-solo>

Exhibit 3 (June 2008)

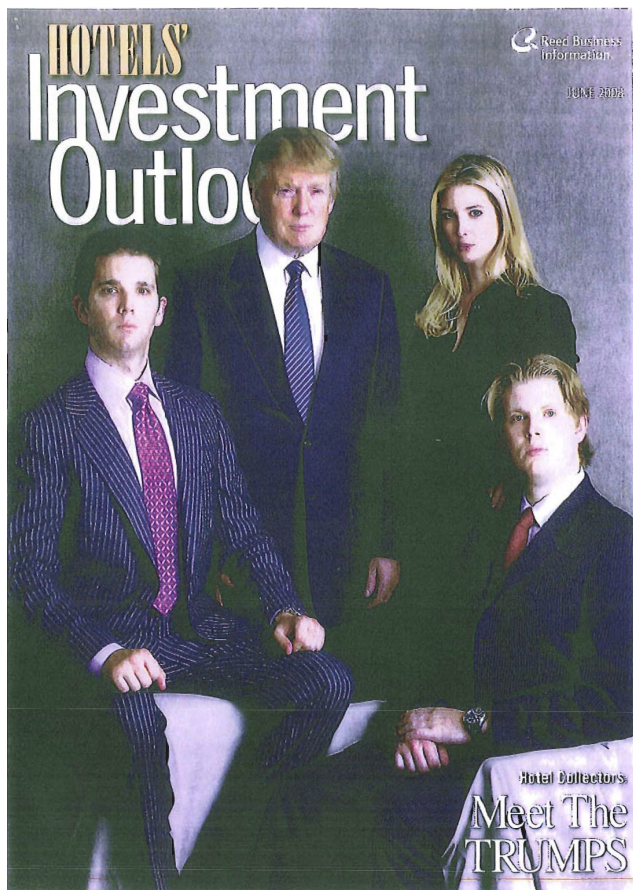
Trumps eye expansion into Russian market, according to Hotels Investment Outlook

The Trumps were featured on the cover of a 2007 issue of Hotels Investment Outlook Magazine. The article on the family mentioned that the Trump Hotel Corporation was looking at investments in Russia.

Excerpt:

*"THC is looking at markets on every continent, with several opportunities in Asia and in China specifically, as well as in Europe including Austria and Russia. Eric Trump says that THC will be inking deals in many new markets over the next 12 to 18 months, although he declined to name specific markets."*³

Pages from the Trumps' Cover Story



American Hotel & Lodging Association. "Real estate developers in any country would want to partner with Donald Trump."

hetic of luxury that we have fused that with the sensibility a." – Ivanka Trump

GLOBAL NAME RECOGNITION

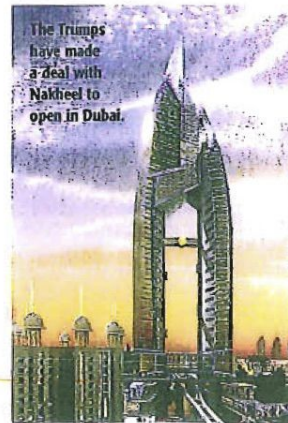
The recognition of the Trump name means that THC has unlimited growth opportunities. "We do have global recognition, and that in itself gives us an entrée," Petrus notes. However, the company hasn't outlined any firm numbers in terms of expansion. "No one

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In general, THC is looking for markets that attract the top 3% to 5% of the traveling public, as well as markets that are particularly attractive to THC's target customer—men age 35 to 55 years old with an average household income US\$500,000 and an average education level is 16 years plus.

THC also has an opportunity to attract the young, affluent customer—one that has been largely ignored by other luxury brands. The new generation of Trumps understands this particular customer segment and is making sure to imbue its properties with design elements that appeal to younger demographics.

"We have combined the aesthetic of luxury that we have inherited from our father and fused that with the sensibility of our generation," Ivanka Trump explains. "There are other hotels that are chic and ▶



³ <http://www.trump.com/getmedia/fa783c21-f9c0-4e1c-be39-5713b55c223c/MeetTheTrumpshIO7-08/>

Exhibit 4 (December 2007 - February 2009)

Trump Vodka

Trump Vodka was sold and advertised to the Russian market and was spotlighted at the Moscow Millionaire Fair in 2007.

The ad, produced by Overit on behalf of Drinks Americas for Trump Vodka was created for the Russian Millionaires Convention (better known as the Moscow Millionaire Fair) according to the original video description.⁴⁵ The video includes visuals of Donald Trump, Vladimir Lenin, Saint Basil's Cathedral, part of the Moscow Kremlin and Red Square UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Qolşärif Mosque located in Kazan Kremlin. According to a 2007 Drinks America press release, Trump Vodka had a \$7.5 million contract with Russian distributor Recolte to export 50,000 cases over the course of a year, beginning in January 2008.⁶⁷ A press release hosted on The Trump Organization's website, confirms that Trump Super Premium Vodka was sold in Russia in 2009.⁸

Statue of Vladimir Lenin in Russia (left) next to a still from the Trump Vodka Russian ad spot (right)



⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bxG1N0otqY&feature=youtu.be>

⁵ <http://www.passportmagazine.ru/article/1022/>

⁶ <http://www.marketwired.com/press-release/drinks-americas-expands-trump-super-premium-vodka-to-russia-nasdaq-dkam-789034.htm>

⁷ http://www.kommersant.com/p820585/r_500/Premium_vodka/

⁸ http://www.trump.com/getmedia/4ac35c82-72a8-4379-88d7-529e2135575c/Trump_Vodka_Award/

Trump Vodka/Drinks America Press Release



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For Immediate Release

TRUMP® PREMIUM GRAPE VODKA WINS HIGHEST HONOR AT WORLD SPIRITS COMPETITION

February 4, 2009, New York, NY –The Trump Organization, in partnership with Drinks Americas Holdings, Ltd., is pleased to announce the recent award of Best of Show-The Platinum Award in the flavored vodka category at the 2008-2009 World Spirits Competition for Trump Premium Grape Vodka.

category. We are looking forward to continued success and growth with the addition of new products in 2009. 2

Trump Super Premium Vodka is available throughout the U.S. at wine and spirit retailers, high-end restaurants, bars, clubs, hotels, lounges and other locations where premium spirits are sold. Internationally, Trump Super Premium Vodka is currently sold in Russia, Canada and the Dominican Republic, with further expansion in 2009.

The Trump Organization

The Trump Organization encompasses global real estate development and global licensing, sales and marketing, property management, golf course development, entertainment and product licensing and brand development. Donald J. Trump is the Chairman and President of The Trump Organization, a privately held company in New York. (www.Trump.com).

Drinks Americas

Drinks Americas develops, owns, markets and nationally distributes alcoholic and non-alcoholic premium beverages associated with renowned icon celebrities. Drinks Americas portfolio of premium alcoholic beverage includes Donald Trump's Trump Super Premium Vodka and Willie Nelson's Old Whiskey River Bourbon and Bourbon Cream, and non-alcoholic Paul Newman's Own Lightly Sparkling Fruit Juice Drinks and Flavored Waters.

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Exhibit 5 (January 2010 - 2016)

Dr. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky, President-elect Trump and Vladimir Putin

In 2010, President-elect Trump hosted a farewell breakfast at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida for Hermitage Museum Foundation supporters and directors. President-elect Trump is pictured with Dr. Mikhail Piotrovsky in a January 2010 issue of the Hermitage Museum Foundation newsletter.⁹ In 2014, Dr. Piotrovsky was documented showing Vladimir Putin around the Hermitage Museum, and in 2016 Putin awarded Dr. Piotrovsky with a state award.

Page from the January 2010 issue of the Hermitage Museum Foundation's newsletter

HMF NEWSLETTER | January 2010 | V1, Issue One

Dr. Piotrovsky visits Palm Beach

In February, en route from Houston (where he attended the opening of *Genghis Kahn* at the Houston Museum of Natural Science) to St. Petersburg, Dr. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky paused to refresh in Palm Beach, Florida. As the guest of the Hermitage Museum Foundation, Dr. Piotrovsky enjoyed a whirlwind weekend of events and press interviews.

A gala dinner was hosted by Thomas C. Quick at his home and was attended by over fifty supporters of the Hermitage Museum. An in depth tour of Palm Beach's unique Addison Mizner architecture was organized by John Carl English with the Preservation Foundation and Town Historian, Jim Ponce. Dr. Piotrovsky and HMF directors and guests were able to discover Palm Beach from the inside-out while enjoying lunch at the exclusive Bath and Tennis Club and a farewell breakfast hosted by Mr. Donald Trump at "Mar-a-Lago", former home of Russophile and collector, Marjorie Merriweather Post.



1. HMF Directors visit the Davis family
2. Dr. Piotrovsky and board member, Valerie Evans-Freke enjoying Palm Beach
3. Donald Trump greeting Dr. Piotrovsky at Mar-a-Lago (*National Historic Landmark and the former Marjorie Merriweather Post estate*)
4. Television interview with Toni May of WXEL PBS
5. Addison Mizner Architectural Tour with Jim Ponce, Town Historian
6. Advisory Board member John Carl English with Dr. Piotrovsky and Paul Rodzianko in front of Mar-a-Lago
7. Brunch at Mar-a-Lago, hosted by Donald Trump
8. Inside Mar-a-Lago Dr. Piotrovsky autographing a book with Paul Rodzianko looking on

⁹ <http://www.heritagemuseumfoundation.org/files/8613/5767/3050/Newsletter-January-2010.pdf>

Dr. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky with Vladimir Putin at the Hermitage Museum (2014)



Dr. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky receiving a state award from Vladimir Putin (2016)



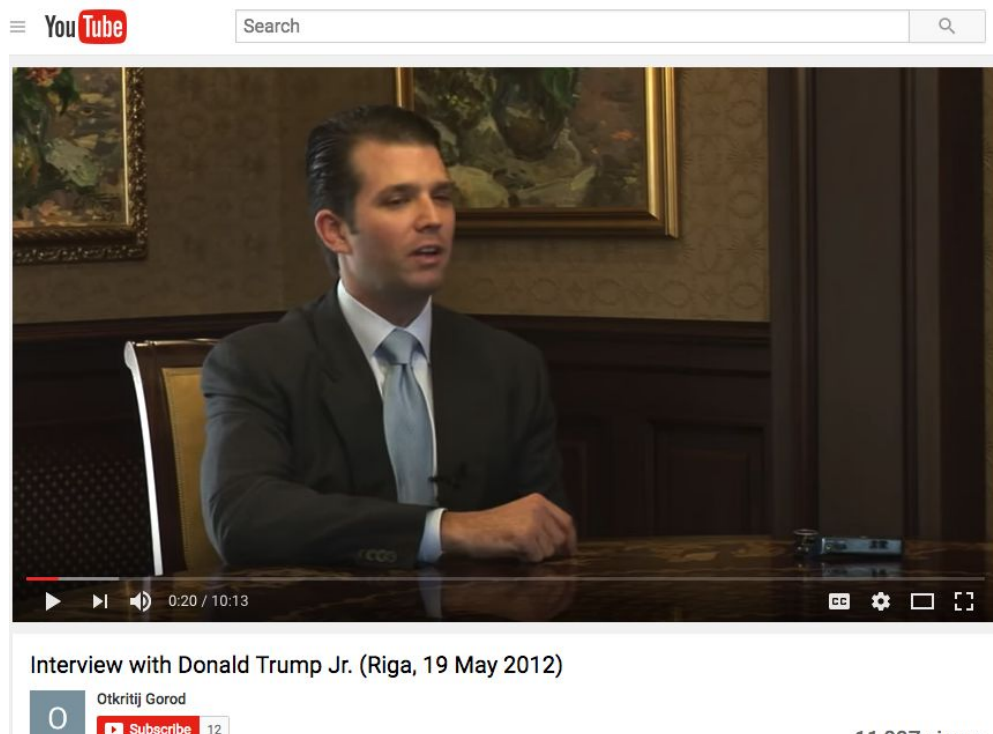
Exhibit 6 (May 19, 2012)

Donald Trump, Jr. Interview in Riga, Latvia Speaking About the Russian Market

While Donald Trump, Jr. was in Latvia to speak at a real estate conference, he stated in an interview that he had been to Moscow many times to look at business deals on behalf of the Trump Organization.¹⁰

Excerpt:

Donald Trump, Jr.: "I've been there many times, I've spent quite a bit of time in Moscow looking at deals. The things that I've looked at thus far, I've looked at resorts to hotels. I was here last summer looking a potential golf development."



¹⁰ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UM7v2aeDdT8>

Exhibit 7 (November 2013)

President-elect Donald Trump Discusses his Relationship with Putin in an MSNBC Interview with Thomas Roberts

While in Moscow for the Miss Universe pageant in 2013, President-elect Trump sat down with Thomas Roberts for an interview on MSNBC. In the interview, President-elect Trump admits that he has a relationship with Putin. Thomas Roberts served as the host of the Miss Universe pageant in Moscow that year.

Excerpt:

*President-elect Donald Trump: "I do have a relationship [with Putin], and I can tell you he is very interested in what we're doing today...but I do have a relationship with him. Look he's done a very brilliant job in terms of what he represents or who he's represented if you look at what he's done with Syria if you look at all the different things, he really has eaten our President's lunch, let's not kid ourselves. He's done an amazing job, he's put himself really...at the forefront of the world as a leader in a short period of time. Putin has done an amazing job of showing certain leadership that our people have not been able to match."*¹¹



¹¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dn1ZK2kcfQ8&feature=youtu.be>

Exhibit 8 (October - November 2013)

Miss Universe 2013 in Moscow, Russia and the Crocus Group

The \$20 million, 2013 Miss Universe contest was held in Moscow at Crocus Hall, which is owned by the Crocus Group, a Russian real estate development firm headed by Russian billionaire Aras Agalarov. Prior to the Miss Universe competition, which was held on November 9, 2013, Vladimir Putin presented Aras Agalarov with an excellence award on October 29, 2013.¹² While President-elect Trump was in Moscow during the pageant, he spoke to Russian developers about building a skyscraper in Russia, according to Russian news outlet, Sobesednik.¹³ Donald Trump awarded the Crocus Group International Exhibition Centre the “Diamond Excellence Award” in 2013, according to a Crocus Group brochure.¹⁴ According to NBC, Putin and President-elect Trump tried to meet during the pageant but could not set up a time. Instead, Putin sent a gift and note to Trump, which was delivered by Argalov's daughter to the Miss Universe offices in New York City after the pageant was over.¹⁵

Vladimir Putin with Aras Agalarov on October 29, 2013 (left) and President-elect Trump with Aras Agalarov and his son on November 9, 2013 (right)



¹² <http://crocusgroup.com/press-center/news/752/>

¹³ <http://sobesednik.ru/news/20131109-amerikanskii-milliarder-donald-trump-rasskazal-o-svoikh-planakh-po-sozdaniyu-biznesa-v>

¹⁴ http://eng.crocus-expo.ru/files/2014/crocus_booklet2013_eng.pdf

¹⁵ <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/trump-putin-try-meet-moscow-three-years-ago-source-n619006>

Exhibit 9 (2015)

President-elect Trump's advisor at dinner with Putin in 2015

In 2015, Lieutenant General Michael Flynn attended a dinner in Russia with Vladimir Putin, at a 10th anniversary celebration for a Russian state-funded television network. Dr. Jill Stein also attended the same celebration. Lieutenant General Flynn accompanied President-elect Trump on his first national security briefing in August of 2016.¹⁶

Image of Flynn (left) with Vladimir Putin



¹⁶ http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/michael-flynn-trump-classified-briefing_us_57b3939fe4b0edfa80da28ca

Exhibit 10 (2002 - 2016)

249 Business Registered in Russia with Trump (Трамн) in the Name

According to a search conducted on the Federal Tax Service of Russia's website, there are 249 registered businesses in Russia with Trump (Трамн) in the name. A list of the companies can be found [here](#).¹⁷

Image of Trump LLC (трамн ООО) taken from the tax service website

ТРАМП ООО		
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1	2	3
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1	Полное наименование	ТРАМП ООО
2	Сокращенное наименование	ТРАМП ООО
3	ГРН и дата внесения в ЕГРЮЛ записи, содержащей указанные сведения	1077764325803 22.12.2007
Адрес (место нахождения)		
4	Почтовый индекс	119602
5	Субъект Российской Федерации	ГОРОД МОСКВА
6	Улица (проспект, переулок и т.д.)	УЛИЦА АНОХИНА АКАДЕМИКА
7	Дом (владение и т.п.)	44
8	ГРН и дата внесения в ЕГРЮЛ записи, содержащей указанные сведения	1077764325803 22.12.2007
Сведения о регистрации		
9	Способ образования	СОЗДАНИЕ ЮРИДИЧЕСКОГО ЛИЦА ДО 01.07.2002
10	ОГРН	1077764325803
11	Дата прекращения ОГРН	22.12.2007

To recreate the search:

1. Visit the website: <https://egrul.nalog.ru/#> (Note that the search will not work if your browser translates the webpage into English)
2. Search for Трамн (Trump in Cyrillic)
3. Below that type the captcha image
4. Click the blue search button on the lower right
5. This will display 200 of the 249 companies

¹⁷ <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-eFTx9hvN2mxjcPyBNZNspkhSri16rEipTDLq3C0WU/edit?usp=sharing>